

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND YOUR CITY



INSIDE HIGH POINT

JANUARY 2016

High Point Public Library receives award for their programming!

The City is offering great deals on housing within the Core City.

Lenny the Lifeguard teaches us to "Hop to it, Protect our Water!"

Theatre offers discounts to High Point residents.



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CITY HIGHLIGHT

HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

High Point Public Library's two culinary programs were named the Best Programs for Children in public libraries across the state of North Carolina. The Library's Director, Mary Sizemore, along with the Library staff members responsible for creating and implementing the award-winning programs, Jim Zola, Melissa Koener and Nic Covington, received the award on behalf of the City of High Point. "The Culinary Kids program is one way we found to address the issue of food insecurity in our community," says Zola. He added, "Good nutrition is a topic that children do not learn in school and yet it is an incredibly important topic. Plus, the program is lots of fun." We want to thank the City of High Point Public Library for its hard work in becoming best in its class!



CITY OF HIGH POINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

High Point EDC Executive Vice President Sandy Dunbeck named North Carolina's "Economic Developer of the Year"

The North Carolina Economic Developers Association selected Sandy Dunbeck, executive vice president of the High Point Economic Development Corporation (a department of The City of High Point), as 2015 North Carolina Economic Developer of the Year. She was selected for this honor by her peers for her efforts in successfully helping to bring projects to High Point. The award was presented in June at the association's annual meeting in Atlantic Beach, NC. In his award nomination, High Point EDC President Loren Hill said, "She impresses me each day. Her superior client work, professionalism, and attention to detail have led to a host of economic development announcements over the years. Her work ethic is amazing." Thank you Sandy for your hard work and dedication to the City of High Point.



FLEET SERVICES

Winter Driving Tips

- Avoid driving while you're fatigued. Getting the proper amount of rest before taking on winter weather tasks reduces driving risks.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Never mix radial tires with other tire types.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up.
- If possible, avoid using your parking brake in cold, rainy and snowy weather.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface (wet, ice, sand).
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.

Fleet Services recently received two new side loading and one new rear loading refuse trucks over the holidays! Two of these three trucks are currently in service, so watch for them coming to your neighborhood soon!



CITY OF HIGH POINT MAYOR BENCINI



LOCAL GIRL SCOUT TROOP VISITS CITY HALL

Mayor Bencini had the privilege of hosting local Girl Scout troop #2222 here at City Hall. The troop had the opportunity to meet the Mayor in the Council Chambers, take a tour of the 911 center as well as see how the City's traffic control center works.



PARKS AND RECREATION

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Eugene is actually no stranger to Parks & Recreation. He started his career in High Point as the Director at Oakview Recreation Center but left to work in Orange County, NC; where he served as Athletic Coordinator and Athletic Supervisor. After 12 years of owning his own business, Eugene decided he wanted to get back into Parks & Recreation, so he took a position with the City of Durham, NC as a Senior Laborer and was quickly promoted to Facilities Maintenance Supervisor. In this position, Eugene supervised the maintenance of 68 parks and 30 miles of Greenway in addition to special projects and events, budgeting and staff management.

Eugene is a Certified Recreation and Parks Professional, a Certified Playground Safety Inspector, a Certified Youth Sports Coaches Clinician and holds his NC Pesticide License. Eugene graduated from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor of Science in Parks & Recreation Management. Welcome back, Eugene!



High Point Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce the addition of WiFi at several city recreation centers: Allen Jay, Deep River and Oakview Rec Center. Each of these facilities offers extensive programming for individuals and families, after school programs and summer camps. WiFi at additional City Parks and Recreation facilities is anticipated in the future. Come visit soon!

HIGH POINT MUSEUM



MUSEUM HOSTS RESOURCE FAIR FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Liftoff to Learning, a free, drop-in resource fair, will be held Monday, February 1st at the High Point Museum. There will be two sessions 11 am to 1 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm.

Beginning in 2008 as Kickoff to Kindergarten: Parent Day, this event has evolved over the past eight years and is getting a new name in 2016 to reflect its broader scope. This program is geared to parents of all preschoolers, not just those of rising kindergarten students.

Guilford County Schools, Guilford Parent Academy, Guilford Education Alliance, Guilford Child Development, Guilford Partnership for Children, United Way of Greater High Point Children's Initiatives, Say Yes Guilford, Ready for School-Ready for Life, Greensboro Children's Museum and High Point Museum have teamed up to help parents navigate the potentially overwhelming transition to kindergarten. They have brought together in one place; a wealth of information and resources for parents to consult. Parents will be able to speak directly to professionals about a variety of issues facing their children.



PUBLIC SERVICES STORM WATER DIVISION

Anita Simpson, Kelsie Engelhard and Robbie Baker from the Storm Water Division helped the City host "Lenny Day" on December 21 at the High Point Bowling Alley. Lenny serves as the official mascot for the Piedmont Triad Water Quality Partnership, which the City of High Point is a member. Lenny promotes storm water pollution prevention to children of all ages in the Piedmont Triad Area. Through the curriculum guides and promotional opportunities, Lenny the Lifeguard teaches us to "Hop to it, Protect our Water!"



PUBLIC SERVICES MATERIAL RECOVERY



Over the past few weeks the Material Recovery Facility has received 3.85 tons of electronics. The high tonnages are due to the Christmas Holiday electronics purchases.

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the MRF has received a larger volume of single stream materials.



PUBLIC SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

In December, the City of High Point collected and responded to:

- 145 tons of yard waste
- 1,188 tons of garbage/trash
- 101 tons of bulk items (sofas/chairs/mattresses)
- 355 tons of recyclables at curbside
- 8 requests to clean up illegal dump sites
- Anticipation of an increase in electronics being illegally dumped after Christmas

PUBLIC SERVICES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

The City has collected over 4800 trees from the Holiday. Wreaths, garland and artificial trees are not accepted. The trees will be turned into mulch for use at parks and other facilities.

The City of High Point collects trees curbside through January 31, 2016.



HIGH POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The City of High Point Public Library, with a generous donation made by the Friends of the Library, presented High Point Regional Hospital with a gift of movies and children's books. The books will reside in the newly renovated Pediatric Inpatient Unit and be available for children

and families staying in this wing of the hospital. The hospital's goal was to provide a kid friendly unit that will allow their patients to feel as comfortable as possible during their stay. The Library is excited about this opportunity to help out the local children of our community!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORE CITY

The City of High Point and the NC Housing Finance Agency both offer down payment assistance programs with the possibility of **\$22,500** in down payment assistance within the Core City area of High Point.

For more information call **336.883.3349**



PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY

- Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance in the amount of **\$7,500**
- 5 Year deferred loan at 0% interest
- Loan forgiven at 20% per year for each full year you live in the home
- Property must be primary residence
- Property sales price not to exceed \$200,000
- Complete 8 hours pre-purchase home buyer education
- Obtain a home loan from a Participating Lender (list provided at HighPointNC.gov/cd)
- Purchase property within the Core City

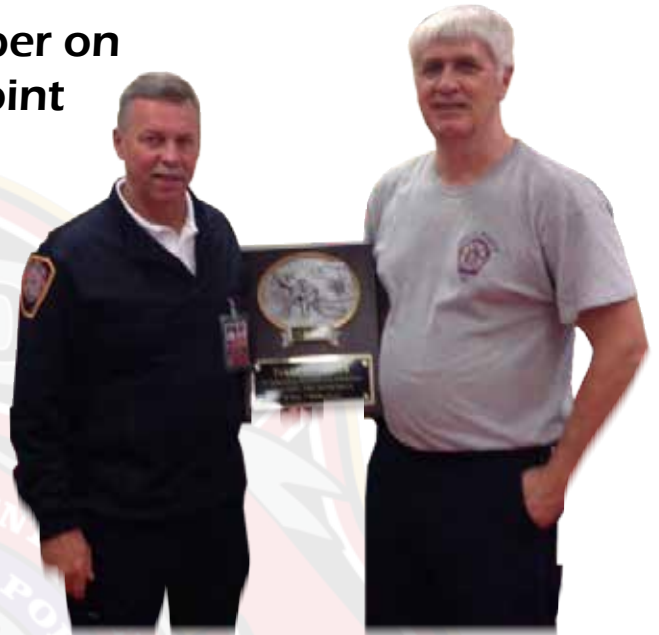


PROGRAM AND ELIGIBILITY

- Down Payment/Closing Cost Assistance in the amount of **\$15,000**
- You are a first time home buyer (or have not owned a home in the past 3 years)
- Your income doesn't exceed certain limits
1-2 persons \$67,500 / 3+ Persons \$78,000
- You purchase an existing home below \$245,000
- Your credit score is 640 or higher
- You complete an in-person or online home buyer education course
- Purchase property within Guilford County

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Captain Terry Cooper on his retirement from the City of High Point Fire Department. December 31, 2015 was Captain Coopers last tour of duty on Truck 2. Captain Cooper served as a Firefighter for over 31 years. Thanks for all that you have done for the HPFD, the City of High Point and all the citizens you have helped over your years of service. Your hard work and dedication will surely be missed!



Congratulations to (Bob) Robert Halpin on his retirement from the HPFD Training Division on December 31, 2015. Bob has shared his knowledge with the HPFD and many others over the years and we are all better for his efforts. We wish you both a long and healthy retirement and thank you for your dedication to the City of High Point.

HIGH POINT THEATRE

40th Anniversary Celebration



Since 1975, Triad residents have counted on the High Point Theatre to fill their fall,

winter and spring months with a diverse selection of world-renown artists and performances. Featuring a total of fourteen critically acclaimed musicians, side-splitting humorists and imaginative artistic performances, the Theatre's 2016 "Passport to Entertainment" lineup continues to offer something for everyone!

The winter and spring portion of the Theatre's 2016 season continues in February with Jimmy Webb: The Glen Campbell Years, Yolanda Rabun, Franc D'Ambrosio's Broadway, Beau Soliel avec Michael Doucet, and Back to Barry, Billy and The Beatles. March features San Jose Taiko: Rhythm Journey and, back by popular demand, Black Violin. Just added to the March lineup is Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus LIVE! April and May bring Feet Don't Fail

Me Now! featuring Rhythmic Circus, Sweet Honey in the Rock, and Jeanne Robertson.

Tickets are available for all performances. Residents living within the 27260-27265 & 27282 postal codes are eligible for a discount of \$5.00 off per ticket to performances presented by the High Point Theatre as part of its "Passport to Entertainment" professional artists' series. Some restrictions do apply. For additional information, contact the theatre box office at 336-887-3001. Please visit our website at www.HighPointTheatre.com for a current listing of all upcoming shows and events taking place at the Theatre.





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